

## TAC

Nature wipes clean the *table-book* first, and then pours  
upon it what she pleases. *Mere's Antidote against Atheism.*  
Put into your *table-book* whatever you judge worthy. *Dry.*

Nature's fair *table-book*, our tender souls,  
We scrawl all o'er with old and empty rules,  
Stale memorandums of the schools. *Swift's Miscel.*

TA'BLECLOTH. *n. f.* [*table and cloth*.] Linen spread on a table.  
I will end with Odo holding master doctor's mule, and  
Anne with her *tablecloth*. *Camden's Remains.*

TA'BLEMAN. *n. f.* A man at draughts.  
In clericals the keys are lined, and in colleges they use to  
line the *tablemen*. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*

TA'BLER. *n. f.* [*from table*.] One who boards.  
TA'BLETALK. *n. f.* [*table and talk*.] Conversation at meals  
or entertainments; table discourse.

Let me praise you while I have a stomach.  
—No, let it serve for *tabletalk*. *Shaksp. Merch. of Venice.*  
His fate makes *tabletalk*, divulg'd with scorn,  
And he a jest into his grave is born. *Dryden's Juvenal.*

He improves by the *tabletalk*, and repeats in the kitchen  
what he learns in the parlour. *Guardian, N. 165.*  
No fair adversary would urge *table-talk* in controversy,  
and build serious inferences upon what was spoken but in  
jest. *Asterbury.*

TA'BLET. *n. f.* [*from table*.]  
1. A small level surface.  
2. A medicine in a square form.

It hath been anciently in use to wear *tablets* of arsenick,  
or preservatives, against the plague; as they draw the venom  
to them from the spirits. *Bacon.*

3. A surface written on or painted.  
It was by the authority of Alexander, that through all  
Greece the young gentlemen learned, before all other things,  
to design upon *tablets* of boxen wood. *Dryden.*

The pillar'd marble, and the *tablet* bras,  
Mould'ring, drop the victor's praise. *Prior.*

TA'BOUR. *n. f.* [*tabourin, tabour, old French*.] A small  
drum; a drum beaten with one stick to accompany a pipe.  
If you did but hear the *pedlar* at door, you would never  
dance again after a *tabour* and pipe. *Shaksp. Winter's Tale.*

The shepherd knows not thunder from a *tabour*,  
More than I know the found of Marcius' tongue  
From every meaner man. *Shaksp. Coriolanus.*

Morrice-dancers danced a maid marian, and a *tabour* and  
pipe. *Temple.*

To TA'BOUR. *v. n.* [*taborer, old French, from the noun*.] To  
strike lightly and frequently.

And her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves,  
tabouring upon their breasts. *Nab. ii. 7.*

TA'BOURER. *n. f.* [*from tabour*.] One who beats the *tabour*.  
Would I could see this *tabourer*. *Shaksp. Lear.*

TA'BOURET. *n. f.* [*from tabour*.] A small drum or *tabour*.  
They shall depart the manor before him with trumpets,  
*tabourers*, and other minstrelsy. *Spektat. N. 607.*

TA'BOURINE. *n. f.* [*French*.] A *tabour*; a small drum.  
Trumpeters.

With brazen din blast you the city's ear;  
Make mangle with our rattling *tabourines*,  
That heav'n and earth may strike their founds together,  
Applauding our approach. *Shaksp. Antony and Cleopatra.*

TA'BRERE. *n. f.* *Tabourer*. Obsolete.  
I saw a shoal of shepherds outgo,  
Before them yode a lusty *tabriere*,  
That to the merry hornpipe plaid,  
Whereto they danced. *Spenser's Pastoral.*

TA'BRET. *n. f.* A *tabour*.  
Wherefore didst thou steal away, that I might have sent  
thee away with mirth and with *tabret*. *Gen. xxxi. 27.*

TA'BULAR. *n. f.* [*tabularis, Lat.*]  
1. Set down in the form of tables or synopses.  
2. Formed in squares; made into laminae.

All the nodules that consist of one uniform substance were  
formed from a point, as the crusted ones, nay, and most of  
the spotted ones, and indeed all whatever, except those that  
are *tabular* and plated. *Woodward on Fossils.*

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synopses.

TA'BULATED. *adj.* [*tabula, Lat.*] Having a flat surface.  
Many of the best diamonds are pointed with six angles,  
and some *tabulated* or plain, and square. *Grew's Museum.*

TA'CHE. *n. f.* [*from tack*.] Any thing taken hold of; a catch;  
a loop; a button.  
Make fifty *taches* of gold, and couple the curtains together  
with the *taches*. *Exod. xxv. 6.*

TA'CHYGRAPHY. *n. f.* [*ταχυς and γραφω*.] The art or practice  
of quick writing.

TA'CI. *n. f.* [*tacite, Fr. tacitus, Latin*.] Silent; implied;  
not expressed by words.

As there are formal and written leagues respectively to cer-  
tain enemies, so is there a natural and *tacit* confederation  
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